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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

31 May 1983

Mr. John E. Wickman, Director  
Dwight D. Eisenhower Library  
Abilene, Kansas 67410

Dear Mr. Wickman:

STAT The attached letter from [ ] Chief, Archives and  
STAT History, National Security Agency, requests that two NSA historians, Mr.  
STAT [ ] be given access to certain  
STAT CIA-originated classified documents held at the Eisenhower Library. Mr.  
STAT [ ] letter also describes the two subject areas that these researchers  
wish to investigate.

STAT We have verified [ ] Top Secret  
STAT clearances, and CIA's compartmented information branch will certify their  
STAT SI clearances directly to you. We are therefore glad to authorize Mr.  
STAT [ ] access to all CIA material at the level of their  
clearances or lower that is pertinent to the two subject areas of their  
research.

STAT As indicated in Paragraphs three and four of the enclosed "CIA  
STAT Access Policy," [ ] are free to take notes and  
make copies of documents, so long as the Eisenhower Library collects and  
sends these notes and copies to this office for review to determine  
whether this material can be released for their use. We shall notify the  
Eisenhower Library of this Agency's decisions with respect to all  
documents and notes reviewed.

STAT We are forwarding copies of this authorization to [ ]  
STAT [ ] at NSA, as well as to Dr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant  
Archivist for Presidential Libraries, National Archives and Records  
Service.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

[ ]  
J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian

## Attachments

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY  
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE  
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Serial: T54-082-83  
16 May 1983

Mr. J. Kenneth McDonald  
Chief Historian  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The History Program at NSA is charged with the responsibility of researching and writing the official history of U.S. cryptology. In conducting our research, we are seeking records which will document the evolution of U.S. cryptology organizationally, and the influence which cryptology, and the intelligence derived from cryptology, has had on the nation's history.

At this particular time, [redacted] our Agency Historian, and [redacted] Director of the Post-World War II portion of our program, are planning to visit the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, and we would request that they be allowed to review those classified records which you control which relate to the following subjects:

1. The evolution between 1952 and 1960 of the national effort in communications intelligence and communications security including material relating to such organizations as the United States Communications Intelligence Board, the Army-Navy Communications Intelligence Committee (Board), the State, Army, Navy Communications Intelligence Committee (Board), the National Security Agency, and the Joint Communications Electronics Committee.
2. Major events during the Eisenhower presidency in which communications intelligence may have played a role in determining the information available to national policy and decision making. Events of this sort would include: the Korean War; the various crises and uprisings in East Germany, Poland, and Hungary; the Lebanon Crisis of 1951; the origins of the Soviet space project; and the U-2 incident.

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We would submit to any restrictions you might impose concerning review of notes or review of any manuscripts based on the notes. Our histories are highly classified and are intended primarily for use within NSA and the intelligence community. We may not even produce histories on all of the topics cited, but we would at least like to know what documentation exists and where it is.

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We are making a valid effort to document the activities of the cryptologic profession for both practical and historical reasons. Your assistance would be appreciated. Perhaps there may even be opportunities for reciprocal access between the historians of our agencies.

Sincerely,



Chief, Archives  
and  
History

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